



Scripps National Spelling Bee

Vocabulary List for Sixth Graders

2017-2018

1. **tonic** (*noun*) something that invigorates, restores, refreshes or stimulates.
2. **enlisted** (*adjective*) of, relating to, for, or constituting the part of a military or naval force ranked below commissioned officers and warrant officers.
3. **tomes** (*plural noun*) books that are often large or scholarly.
4. **levied** (*verb*) imposed or collected (as a tax or tribute) by legal process or by authority : exacted.
5. **bookmobile** (*noun*) a truck that serves as a traveling library.
6. **nursery** (*noun*) a child's bedroom.
7. **shortage** (*noun*) not enough of something that is required : deficit.
8. **precise** (*adjective*) lacking anything vague, unclear or uncertain.
9. **roundabout** (*adjective*) not following a straight line or course.
10. **handiwork** (*noun*) work done personally : personal or individual achievement.
11. **balloonist** (*noun*) someone who operates a bag that is filled with heated air or a gas lighter than air so as to rise and float in the atmosphere and that usually carries a suspended load (such as a gondola with passengers).
12. **improvise** (*verb*) to compose, recite or sing especially in verse or to play on an instrument or act without preparation.
13. **altitude** (*noun*) the vertical elevation of an object above a given level (such as a foundation, the ground or sea level).
14. **sparsely** (*adverb*) in a thinly scattered manner : scantily.
15. **musician** (*noun*) someone who is skilled at incorporating pleasing, expressive, or intelligible combinations of vocal or instrumental tones into a structured, continuous composition.
16. **practically** (*adverb*) nearly, almost.
17. **testament** (*noun*) a written document a person creates to declare their intent as to the disposal of their estate and effects after their death : will.
18. **simulate** (*verb*) to give the appearance or effect of : imitate.
19. **disengage** (*verb*) to loosen or detach from something clung to.
20. **Mohawk** (*noun*) a hairstyle with a narrow center strip of upright hair and the sides of the head shaved.



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